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ABSTRACT

The Mourning Child Preschool grief support curriculum is intended for use with preschool children who have experienced the death of someone special to them. It is designed for use by professionals who work in schools, hospitals, hospices, mental health agencies, or any setting that serves bereaved children. The curriculum contains lesson plans for ten sessions that include age-appropriate activities enabling young children to approach highly sensitive and painful topics through a variety of fun and engaging activities. The user is guided through the curriculum with detailed instructions and learning objectives for each session. The curriculum encourages children who may have limited language to work through their feelings through play. The introduction to this book discusses grief as a family process; presents instructions on how group facilitators should handle the sessions; and includes interview forms for use when children are signed up for inclusion in the group. The following six appendixes are included: "A Description of Materials"; "Samples of Materials to be Used"; "Sample Notes to be Sent to Caregivers"; "Special Activities: Holidays"; "Sample Curriculum for a Special Day"; and "Denny the Duck Stories." (Contains an index.) (Author/MKA)

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